Local lodge is dedicated

Dedication ceremonies of Monroe Lodge #301A.F.&A.M. were held on October 24. Mr. Wor. Spencer McMath Rogers, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was speaker.

A note burning ceremony was held declaring Monroe Lodge #301 free of debt.

Monroe Lodge #301 was named in honor of James Monroe, the fifth President of the United States, who was initiated in Williamsburg Lodge #6 while a student at William & Mary.

Monroe Lodge was instituted on April 11, 1908 by Joseph W. Eggleston. Appointed officers were: R. F. Burke, Worshipful Master; J. R. Atwood, Senior Warden; T. A. Smith, Junior Warden. The following were elected at the first stated meeting: J. C. Jones, Treasurer; J. R. Horsley, Secretary; J. B. Abbitt, Senior Deacon; J. C. Shearer, Junior Deacon. Those appointed were J. C. Martin, Tiler; W. L. Murphy, Chaplain; H. C. Babcock and C. N. Abbitt, Stewards. The first petition of record for degrees was presented at this meeting by C. S. McDearmon.

Pursuant to a charter dated February 11, 1909, Monroe Lodge was assigned No. 301 and duly constituted on April 30, 1909. Meetings were held in a building on the south side of the Norfolk-Western Railroad, opposite the Railroad Station. The rent at this time being $36.00 a year.

This building was shared by the Woodmen of the World. Meetings were held in this building until it was destroyed by fire in January 1927. After occupying a temporary meeting place during the period in which a new hall was being built on the third floor of a new store building being erected on Main Street by Brother L. E. Smith. The first meeting held in the new hall was on October 7, 1929. Worshipful Brother W. W. Scott was Master of the lodge at the time of the fire and during the construction of the new building. This building was used as a meeting place until the completion of the present building.

The first meeting was held in the present building in September 1976. Worshipful Brother Clarence Maxwell Franklin was Master at this time. Worshipful Brother George S. Williams, Jr., is Master at the present time.

This lodge has been active in this community during a fire which totaled all the lodge owned except the Secretary's books. There was no insurance: Two World Wars; The depression of the 30's, at which time the members were trying to pay for a new building which was paid off in 1946; The construction of yet another new building in 1976. Paid off in the early part of this year.

Lest we be caught up in celebrating material things may one be ever aware of the place that this lodge has filled in the activities of the community, state and nation, and the many men who have called Monroe Lodge #301, A.F. & A. M. Home.

GEORGE S. WILLIAMS, Worshipful Master, burning the note declaring Monroe Lodge #301 free of debt at the meeting on Oct. 24.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SPENCER McMath Rogers, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Va. addressing Brothers and visitors during dedication ceremonies of Monroe Lodge #301 A.F. & A.M. on October 24, 1981.

Students get to go hunting

Public school students in Appomattox County will have the opportunity to go hunting on the first day of deer season this year, as Monday, November 16, has been designated an inservice day for county teachers.

Monday's designation is part of an ongoing effort to improve annual student attendance in public schools. The plan was formulated last year by the school board, since the first day of hunting season has traditionally been one of poor school attendance. The plan was successful last year which resulted in the board continuing with the practice this year.

Teachers will be involved in inservice activities from 10:00 a.m. until noon Monday, according to Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools in the county. The inservice activities will be conducted according to subjects taught by the individual teachers, on a countywide basis.

From 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the teachers will be in their schools to meet with parents.

Walton said Monday that parents having specific plans, questions or ideas to discuss with teachers should call their child's school and set up an appointment with the teacher, no later than this Friday afternoon.

"Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to visit the different schools and meet with their children's teachers," Walton said.

Fords recognized

The Virginia Farm Bureau Service Corporation recently held a series of meetings across the state to honor safemark service agents who have served farm bureau members over the years.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ford, of the Locust Grove Farm in Appomattox, received a five-year award. The Locust Grove Farm was also the top service agent in their category. The Fords also received a prize for being the top service agent in the Southside District.

JAMES AND BETTY FORD (center and right) receive Virginia Farm Bureau Five-Year Safemark Service Award.

Fuel program is outlined

The Virginia Department of Welfare says applications for the fuel assistance program are now being taken by local departments of welfare and social services.

Household should expect to receive less benefits from this year's program than they obtained last year. This program is not intended to cover an annual fuel need or the fuel need during the heating season. It is only designed to assist household in their fuel needs.

Anyone wishing information about the program can call the Virginia Department of Welfare, toll-free, at 1-800-552-3431 during normal business hours.

Under this year's program, the maximum benefit level for household with the highest need has been set at $600 per household.

Households applying for the program will need to verify income with wage stubs, award letters if they receive social security, or income tax returns if they are self-employed or seasonal workers.

Maximum income limits will vary according to geographic locations in Virginia. Three different standards will be used:

Metropolitan Washington
One person -- $5,387; Four persons -- $12,675.

Other Metropolitan Areas
One person -- $5,387; Four persons -- $12,087.

Rural Areas
One Person -- $5,387; Four persons -- $11,286.

Households will also need to verify cash resources such as savings accounts, checking accounts, life insurance policies and other specific resources.

Limits for cash resources are:

* $1,500 for household with no members who are aged 60 or disabled.
* $3,000 for households that include a person over 60 or disabled. Households may have real property not counting the home and lot, with equity of up to $5,000.

A number of factors will be used in determining a household's fuel needs. These include the household's:

* geographic location in Virginia,
* size (number of persons),
* total income, and
* energy source (kerosene, fuel oil, electricity, wood, gas or coal).

Only one application will be needed for the program this year under most circumstances. Once a household is determined eligible, it is provided with a notice that shows the maximum fuel assistance it can receive.

Additional fuel bills are submitted to the local welfare or social services agency until the total amount of the household's fuel benefit has been used. Fuel payments will be made, in most instances, directly to the vendor.

Applications for the program will be processed within 30 days. In emergencies, when a household runs out of fuel or receives a cut off notice, applications will be expedited.

The fuel program will end March 31, 1981, or earlier, if all funds are exhausted.

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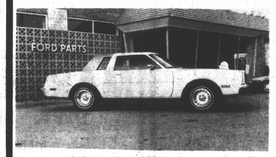

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Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

4-H members will receive their popcorn this week during their regular 4-H meetings. Money raised from the popcorn sale will go toward the cost of the new swimming pool which will be built at Holiday Lake 4-H Center during the next several months. 4-H'ers may turn in their money at the Extension Office or they may turn it in at the school libraries from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. each day during the period of November 18-25. 4-H'ers are asked to try to collect and turn in their popcorn money by November 25.

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Judging programs will be getting underway during the next month. 4-H judging teams provide an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to learn skills and decision making ability. Over the past several years Appomattox has had state winning judging teams in Forestry, Meats and Soils. A judging team survey will be offered to 4-H'ers in the 6th grade and up to find areas of interest. Judging program opportunities include egg grading, soils, forestry, meats, livestock, dairy, horse and bowl (quiz) teams in consumerism, dairy and horse.

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4-H'ers may again order loblolly pine seedlings through a special program sponsored by the Virginia Division of Forestry. Either 25 or 50 pine seedlings may be ordered provided the 4-H'ers has a suitable place to plant the trees. Areas that are unsuited for crops or not being used for other purposes are ideal for plant in trees. The trees are not intended for ornamental (Landscaping) purposes, but may be used as a windbreak. Trees planted for a windbreak are much more effective if planted in double or triple rows.

Parents desiring trees to plant large areas may order them through the Virginia Division of Forestry.

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This week and next week mark the beginning of hunting season throughout Virginia. Each year in Virginia, a large number of hunting accidents involve young people under the age of 20. It is extremely important that young hunters understand the responsibilities that go with hunting and the use of firearms. The future of hunting may depend on our ability to help young hunters learn to respect and obey game laws, respect private property and to develop a wholesome attitude toward the sport of hunting.

MRS. WALTON'S FIFTH GRADE class, under the instruction of their student teacher, Miss Crawley, extended their Math lesson into the halls of Appomattox Elementary School. To enrich their study of the Metric units of length and the perimeter of rectangles, they measured the perimeter of rectangles formed by light switches, tiles, steps, and many other items. Students made it a challenge to see who could find a rectangle formed by the most unusual object. In doing so, the students developed a keen awareness of the rectangles in their enviornment.

Blankets' importance

Lower Thermostat settings are making blankets more important than ever.

Perhaps the most important development in blankets in recent years has been the innovations in electric blankets, said Virginia Tech Extension specialist in home furnishings, Katherine L. Habel. They are being made with solid state controls, which maintain a more even heat flow and eliminate the clicking sound of the conventional control systems.

Electric blankets are gaining popularity because they allow the comfort of a warm bed while the thermostat is turned down low to save energy and money.

Most regular blankets are made of acrylic or polyester rather than wool. A good quality acrylic or polyester blanket can feel very much like a wool blanket and will be just as warm.

"The warmth of a blanket is determined by its construction and not by its fiber," said the faculty member in Tech's College of Home Economics. The more air incorporated into the blanket fabric, the better the insulation provided and thus, the warmer the blanket.

For a blanket to wear well and retain its warmth, it should have durable nap. To test the strength of a blanket's nap, pull it lightly with the fingers. If it pulls loose easily, it may shed and reduce its warmth potential. Blanket resiliency is important in maintaining long-term warmth. A matted fabric is not as warm as a fluffy fabric.

Thermal blankets--those made with a loose weave that resembles crochet--may or may not have nap.

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EVELYN FORD gives demonstration at the Christmas Open House currently in progress at the Courtland Building adjacent to the post office. The Open House will continue this week, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Tuesday an Thursday open in the evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., as well. The Open House features hand-crafted items on display and for sale, craft demonstrations, and refreshments.

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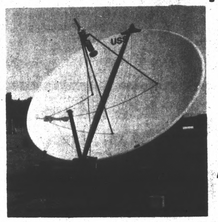

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Mt. Shiloh news

Mt. Airy news

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord". Psalm 122:1

A most inspiring worship service was conducted last Sunday morning by Rev. Yuille. We were glad to have Rev. R. Q. Lawing and Rev. Tim Lawing to worship with us. Rev. R. Q. Lawing gave thanks to the members for the impressive and memorable appreciation service that was given to him as Pastor Emeritus.

The installation service for Rev. Yuille will be conducted at Mt. Shiloh on Nov. 22, 1981 at 3 p.m. Your presence will be graciously welcomed.

The prayer line remains open for the less fortunate, the bereaved, and the sick and shut in. God gave you this day, will you use it wisely or throw it away?

The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear; the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

The young adult choir, along with the junior choir was in concert at the Rising Sun Baptist Church in Amherst on Sunday. We would like to thank the parents and members who went along. We encountered a high time in name of our Lord.

On Sunday, Nov. 15 at 3:00 the young adult choir along with the junior choir will dedicate their robes.

Rev. Roger Ford will bring the dedication message. Plan now to attend.

On Nov. 22 at 7:00 the Sunday School will close its King and Queen Rally.

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Comments asked

By TOM CONRAD

ASCS INVITES COMMENTS ON CONSERVATION PROGRAMS - Appomattox County farmers and other interested persons are invited to submit comments and suggestions concerning conservation and environmental programs to USDA's Agricultural Stablization and Conservation Service.

The programs include the agricultural conservation, pollution control and forestry programs.

Written recommendations must be received in Washington by November 13 to be considered.

ASCS conservation programs are designed to encourage farmers to voluntarily perform pollution abatement, soil, water and energy conservation measures. The programs authorize cost-share funds, for farmers who could not or would not perform such practices to the extent needed without some federal assistance.

USDA is also holding a public meeting on Nov. 19 to review program recommendations made by State and county agricultural conservation development groups. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m., in Room 4960 of USDA's South Building. Because of space limitation, persons desiring to attend the meeting should make reservations by calling area code 202-447-6221.

Farmers who cannot attend are encouraged to submit written comments. The written comments should be addressed to USDA-ASCS, P. O. Box 2415, Room 3610 - South Building, Washington, D. C. 20013.

CCC Interest Rates To Remain at 14.5 Percent Through January - Interest rates for 1981-crop loans and storage facility and dryer loans made through the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation will remain at 14.5 percent through Jan. 31, according to Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block.

Block said the 14.5 percent rate has been in effect since April 1, when USDA announced it was instituting a "floating" interest rate, subject to adjustment on the 1981-crop and facility loans.

The variable interest rate on outstanding loans--which enables CCC to adjust rates in line with borrowing costs to the US Treasury--will continue in effect, Block said.

Beginning Feb. 1, he said, CCC's policy will be changed to provide for interest rates on new loans that more accurately reflect interest costs to the corporation.

USDA Seeks Comments on 1982 Flue-Cured Tobacco Program-The U. S. Department of Agriculture is seeking public comments to help determine the national marketing quota for the 1982 crop of flue-cured tobacco.

The 1982 quota will be based on estimated 1982 disappearance which is estimated at 1050 million pounds for the 1982 marketing year, according to Everett Rank, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Rank said USDA estimates the total 1982 supply at 3,116 million pounds. This is based on carryover stocks of 2,012 million pounds and an estimated marketing of 1,104 million pounds, as of July 1. The total supply fixture excludes 24 million pounds USDA estimates will be marketed next year.

The 3,116 million pounds are 548 megacycles, when above the reserve supply level, which is now forecast as 2,568 million pounds. However, USDA is still studying any needed adjustment to be made in estimated disappearance before establishing the 1982 quota.

Written comments on the quota should be sent, by Nov. 13, to the director, price support and loan division, USDA-ASCS, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, D. C. 20013. All comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in room 3741 S.

Parents invited to visit schools next Monday

Students at Appomattox County High School will have a day off on Monday, November 16, but their parents are invited to come to school to meet with individual teachers. Teachers will be available for conferences between one and five o'clock and all interested parents are urged to come by during that time to talk with them.

Also, as part of the school's observance of American Education Week, any parent or interested citizen may meet in the school library at 12 noon on Thursday then have lunch with the students in the school cafeteria. Other activities that have been planned to observe American Education Week are: displays being constructed at school and in the community, snacks for teachers throughout the week, a concert by the school's madrical group on Monday night and special recognition for teachers each day.

The theme for American Education Week this year is: American Education and You: Partners in Our Children's Future."

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The living room and dining room are separate and adequately sized and the family room is large, including slope ceiling with false beams, fireplace and glass doors to the rear terrace.

The adjoining kitchen is open to the family room and includes surplus cabinet and work surface, plus built-in appliances. The kitchen is convenient to the kitchen and is designed with bay area for group beauty and extra space. Laundry facilities and the double garage room is from this area.

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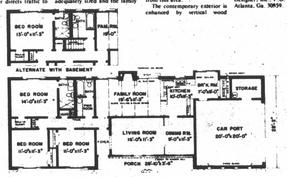

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